GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

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ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Tribal Welfare Department – Sri K. Vishnu Vardhanarao, former District Tribal Welfare Officer, Guntur District (Retired) - Initiated Disciplinary proceedings – Inquiry Conducted – Show cause notice Issued – Explanation submitted Punishment proposed - Examined – Rejected - Punishment of 5% cut in pension permanently – Orders – Issued.

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TRIBAL WELFARE (SER.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.6 **Dated:17.01.2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur letter Rc.No.982/2020-JA(VWS&D), Dt.26.12.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.117&118, Social Welfare (TW.Ser) Dept., dt.05.05.2021.
3. WSD from Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, DTWO (Retd.), Guntur, Dt.09-06-2021.
4. Go.Rt.No.287&288, Social Welfare(TW.Ser)Dept., dt.08.09.2021.
5. From the DTW, Vijayawada Rc.No.1290062.SOW03-4022 (37)/3/2020- K SEC dt.15.07.2022.
6. Government memo 1320154/TW.SER.A2/2020, dt.19.12.2022, 18.01.2023.
7. Representation from Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired) dt.23.12.2022.
8. From DTW, Vijayawada letter Rc.No.2008774.SOW03-14022(37)/ 3/2020-K SEC-Part(1), dt.08.03.2023.
9. Govt. letter .No.1320154/TW.Ser.A2/2020, dt.12.07.2023
10. Letter from APPSC, Vijayawada file No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/76/2023 DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.2164379) dt.15.11.2023.
11. Govt. letter .No.1320154/TW.Ser.A2/2020, dt.18.12.2023.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the District Collector, Guntur has constituted a committee under the Chairman-ship of Joint Collector, VWS&D, Guntur District to conduct detailed enquiry on the contents of allegation petition filed against Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, (Retd.) District Tribal Welfare Officer, Guntur on sexual harassment of women employees, collecting money for processing official work and issued irregular promotions etc.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, based on the Findings of the Enquiry Committee submitted by the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur, the Government have issued Articles of charges against the Delinquent officer i.e. Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, DTWO, Guntur District (retired) and communicated the same to him directing the Charged Officer to offer his written explanation within (10) days from the date of receipt of the Charges. Accordingly, the Charged Officer has submitted his written explanation in the reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Smt. S.Prathibha Bharathi, Deputy Director (TW), presently working as Project Officer, Plain Areas was appointed as Inquiring Authority to conduct detailed enquiry into the charges framed against Sri K.Vishnu Vardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired). Accordingly, the Inquiring Authority has conducted inquiry against the

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charged officer and submitted Inquiry report to the Disciplinary Authorities in the reference 5th read above.

4. Government, after careful examination of the material records available in the case, it is hereby decided to impose the punishment of withholding of 5% pension for 1 year on the charged officer as per Rule 9(1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly a Show-Cause Notice was issued indicating the quantum of penalty being imposed Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired) to submit his representation in the matter in the reference 6th read above.

5. Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired) has submitted his representation in the reference 7th read above. He has not submitted any new grounds to the Government in his explanation to consider or to reduce the punishment.

6. When consulted the APPSC as required under rules in force vide letter 9th read above. The APPSC have advised the Department to enhance the punishment to Five (5)% cut in pension permanently vide reference 10th read above. Accordingly a Notice was issued indicating the quantum of penalty being imposed Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired) to submit his representation if any in the matter in the reference 11th read above.

7. The Government have examined the case in detail, taking in to consideration of the material on record, decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% (Five Percent) cut in pension permanently against Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired).

8. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT. (TW)

To
Sri K.Vishnuvardhana Rao, the then DTWO (now retired). (through O/o the DTW, Vijayawada).
The Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:-

The Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.
The Section Officer, TW (LTR.2/OP) Department.
SC/SFs (Computer No.1320154).

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SECTION OFFICER